Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Tuesday 03 Jan 2023 until 23:59 on Wednesday 04 Jan 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 03 Jan 2023 at 03:09 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for unsettled conditions on Tuesday with freezing levels rising above the tops later then for windy and showery conditions on Wednesday. Very low confidence for Thursday and Friday for the track of weather fronts moving east over the UK.

Headline for Tuesday 03 Jan 2023: Morning snow clearing then brighter for a time but rain arriving later. Windy, summit gales at first.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 03 Jan 2023

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Light snow	Sunny intervals	Sleet	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability					
90%	70%	30%	50%	90%	90%

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Weather: Occasionally heavy snow will turn to rain below 600m and easing during the morning. Drier and brighter for a few hours during the middle of the day before outbreaks of rain arrive from the southwest from late-afternoon, preceded by snow above 900m. Rain becoming heavy and persistent with a thaw setting in as conditions turn milder.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10%, becoming 60% for a few hours.

Low cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud and fog above 500 or 600m in the morning, although bases lifting for a few hours in the middle of the day. Whiteout conditions on the tops with blizzards in the morning. Below the cloud, mainly poor visibility in the rain or snow but good for a time during the drier and brighter spell.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	61/70 S	51/58 S	29/37 S	21/26 S	18/22 SE	19/24 E	26/31 SE
900	56/64 S	46/54 S	29/37 S	20/25 S	16/20 SE	18/23 E	23/28 SE
600	35/43 S	31/40 S	18/26 S	15/20 S	12/16 SE	16/20 E	18/23 SE
300	8/45 S	6/35 S	2/23 S	2/15 S	3/12 E	7/17 E	3/15 E
Glen	17/37 SE	18/37 S	10/23 S	4/10 SE	9/13 E	12/18 E	7/15 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-2/-14	-2/-13	-1/-9	-0/-7	-0/-6	0/-5	1/-5
900	-2/-12	-1/-11	0/-8	0/-6	0/-5	1/-5	1/-4
600	1/-7	1/-7	2/-3	3/-2	2/-2	3/-1	4/-1
300	3/-0	3/-0	4/2	3/2	2/1	2/-1	3/1
Glen	5/1	5/0	6/4	6/5	6/3	6/3	7/5
Freezing Level*	700m	800m	900m	1000m	1400m	1600m	1600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Blizzard conditions and severe gales on the tops at first. Conditions improving for a few hours during the day but more rain and low cloud arriving later.

Forecast for Wednesday 04 Jan 2023

Weather: Heavy rain will clear overnight. A cloudy morning with occasional showers, falling as snow above 800m, and accompanied by strong westerly winds. Showers and winds easing in the afternoon with some bright spells.

Maximum wind: West or Southwest 30 to 40mph with gusts 50mph, easing to 20mph gusts 30mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% in morning, becoming 80% in afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Frequent cloud and fog above 600m in the morning. Visibility becoming good in the afternoon with cloud lifting and breaking.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 8C falling to 2C after dark.
At 800m: Plus 3C falling to Minus 1C.
Freezing level: Above summits, falling to 800-1000m, then 500m in evening.

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